VERDUN DEFENCES BEGIN TO CRUMBLE

count of the war council in Berlin at

already planned against the Russian

the plan of the princes was adopted, to

send to France reserves especially trained

Further, Field Marshal von Hindenburg

s reported to have said that the chances

of Positions South of St. Marie-A-Py

But Says French Are Fleeing

in Woevre.

The statement also says the French

"In the Woevre district the resistance

A SMALL FRENCH SUCCESS.

this action we captured 300 prisoners, in-

"In the Argonne our destructive fire

pagne District.

statement.

five officers.

the west of the Meuse.

artillery duel in the valley of the Fecht."

SUBMARINE WARFARE

British Steamers Sunk and Seven of Crew

are Missing and Two Others Died

After Being Picked Up.

MAY CUT OUT BERNSTORFF

States at Berlin.

to the Associated Press from Berlin some

time ago, that the submarine negotia-

cordance with recommendations submit-

ago. It is felt here that this may ex-

pedite a satisfactory settlement of the

VERMONT MAN KILLED.

George Gardner's Body Found at Bridge-

ton Junction, Me.

easthound freight train on the mountain

whole submarine controversy.

London, Feb. 26.-Lloyd's announces

TAKES TWO SHIPS

for Russian warfare.

An Avalanche of Germans which the decision to attack Verdun was Hurled by Kaiser in Ter-Bavarian crown princes strongly favored an attack on the French front at Verdun, but that both Field Marshal von Macken-Fortress of Douaumont, sen and Field Marshal von Hindenburg opposed the plan, contending that it Just Four Miles Northeast would be better to develop the operations of the French Stronghold front, because it would be necessary, i

LOSSES OF ATTACKERS SET AT 150,000 MEN of success on the Russian front were greater. He is declared to have had lit-

But Two Forts Lie in the Di- FRENCH CAPTURED rect Path of the Invaders in Their Drive Toward Verdun - Fury of Offensive Keeps Up, Says Paris War Office

The tremendous German drive for Verdun is continuing with undiminished fury. Berlin to-day claims the breaking of the cordon of protecting forts, the forces made an attack on German posicapture of Fort Douaumont, four miles trated the first German trenches over a northeast of Verdun. The loss of this distance of about 250 yards. outlying fortification, however, is not admitted in to-day's French official state- of the French broke down and we are ment, which declares that in the desperate German assaults all along the Verdun front the Germans are hurling men against the French lines without regard to the sacrifices. Paris declares the Captured German Salient in the Chamfighting is particularly desperate in the vicinity of Beaumont almost directly north of Verdun.

The progress of the German drive is as follows: tance of the fortress is recognized.

Late advices from Albania through German sources predict the early fall of Durazzo as the result of the defeat of has been efficacious on German organi-Italian and Albanian forces by the Aus- zations to the north of La Harazee trians and Germans. The Italians are

by storm Kermansah, an important Persian city in the neighborhood of which effectives have been conducted with unserious fighting recently took place.

Berlin via, London, Feb. 26.—It is offi- north of Verdun) but were without succially announced that Fort Douaumont, cess. one of the fortifications of Verdun, was the Bois De La Vauche also has been taken by storm yesterday afternoon and stopped.

"There has been no infantry action to statement says:

"The armored Fort Douaumont, the northeastern corner pillar of the permanent line of fortifications of the stronghold of Verdun, was stormed yesterday afternoon by the 24th regiment Brandenburg infantry and is now firmly held in German hands."

Fort Douaumont lies four miles northeast of Verdun and is one of nearly a the sinking of the British steamers Dena- water. score of forts encircling the city. Two by of 2,900 ons and the Tummel of 500 forts lie directly between Douaumont missing and two survivors died after Bixby, were thrown out. and the city of Verdun. The capture of being picked up. Douaumont is the most important achievement since the inauguration of the German drive at Verdun, an on- And Conduct Negotiation with United slaught which for fury and for weight of men involved has few precedents in

Verdun and its protecting fortresses is as dispatch from New York which says regarded as one of the greatest strong- that the administration at Washington holds of Europe. It is the strongest fort- has determined to break off relations ress of France and is of particular im- ambassador to the United States, and portance from the fact that it offers direct communication with Paris, 150 miles

MEN'S LIVES HELD IN LOW ESTEEM time ago, that the submarine inguitations will be transferred to Berlin in ac-

German Emperor is Sending His Troops ted to President Wilson several weeks to the Slaughter with Reckless Abandon as He Strikes

at Verdun.

tinuing their violent attacks north of It is felt here that Count von Bernstorff Lake View cemetery in Burlington. Verdun without regard to their sacrifices, has a thorough familiarity with the Mrs. Wardwell was the widow of Lor- culty again until June 30, 1914, when he the daughter of George and Elizabeth the war office announced this afternoon. American viewpoint and of the currents enzo P. Wardwell, a lifelong resident of had part in the affair that brought in the Smollet. Besides her husband, she leaves

are authoritatively estimated at 150,000. ress that has been made in Washington dolph, to which place she moved a few arrested in 1913 and was convicted of and three sisters, Mrs. Jane Dunbar, Mrs. The German offensive is recognized much may be hoped for from the second years ago. She was about 73 years old, the larceny of a quantity of hay. The William Cowie and Isabella Smollet, all a finger injury in a mishap some weeks James Lafferty of Montpelier Was 87 now as probably only the beginning of a shift to Berlin. determined effort to take the fortress Less importance would be attached to moved to Tupper Lake, N. Y., she went ended in the death of Gibson, in Shar-Presbyterian church and of the Ladies of formerly the key to the French front, such transfers in normal times than un- with her and family. Later Mr. Cham- on, Vt. Leighton escaped going to pris- the Clan Gordon of Barre. The funeral

is believed the calm Thursday night was cult. only a lull required by the attacking only a lull required by the attacking forces to bury their dead, carry off ard, the American ambassador, need be Wardwell. wounded and bring up reserves to take no bar to the transfer of the question to the places of divisions half destroyed Berlin. The ambassador's broken colby French artillery and machine guns. larbone does not prevent him from being The German forces are known to be at his desk and transacting business as London Itself Would Be in Danger of least 300:000, supported by numerous 15- usual. inch and 17-inch Austrian mortars with all the heavy artillery used in the Serbi an campaign and part of that formerly employed on the Russian front.

SAYS HINDENBURG OPPOSED.

Attack on Verdun with Troops Needed

on Russian Front.

PORTUGAL

For All Eventualities That May Arise from Seizure of Teutons' Ships

ATTEMPTS WERE MADE

Existing Treaty with Germany Allowed to Lapse for Portugal's Good

tle hope of the operations against Ver-Lisbon, Portugal, via Paris, Feb. 26. The Portuguese minister stated in the 250 YDS. OF TRENCHES attempts had been made to damage sev-German Official Statement Admits Loss

it in the best interests of Portugal that smokes. Berlin, via London, Feb. 26 .- The offi- the existing treaty with Germany be cial statement to-day says that consid- allowed to lapse and that the Portuguese erable advance has been made east of the government is prepared for all eventuali- Were Found by Federal Grand Jury at river Meuse in the region north of Ver- ties that might arise from the exercise inn, in the presence of Emperor William. by Portugal of her rights.

CONTEST OVER \$80,000.

Break Will.

the petition for appointment of a special administrator on the estate of Miss Mary Ritter Shea, eldest daughter of New York.

of the French war office last night was

Miss Shea died in Bethlehem, N. H. cluding 16 non-commissioned officers and Jan. 1.

Mrs. McGreevy is trying to secure a snow has fallen in abundance during the as her counsel. Dr. Jefferis is representdeclared to be hurriedly embarking from day. The activity of the artillery on ed by Nathaniel Martin of Concord and at 3 o'clock in the afternoon until 2 reached for the shotgun which hung on both sides has continued very intense Harry M. Morse of Littleton.

A dispatch received in London from on the whole of the front and principal.

Dr. Jefferis was on the stand all day ly to the east of the Meuse where the fighting goes on with the same tenacity.

Shea, whom he claimed as his foster "Several German attacks with large sister. Miss Shea lived at Dr. Jefferis' precedented violence on the La Cote Du riods during the last few years. Poivre (about four and one-half miles

TWO SEAMEN DROWNED.

"Another attack on our positions in When Boat Was Dashed Against Breakwater.

Chicago, Feb. 26.-A petty officer and an apprentice seaman at the naval train-"In the Vosges there has been an ing station at Lake Bluff were drowned yesterday when a heavy sea dashed a boat load of the reserves against the breakwater. The dead are Robert M. Walters of Philadelphia, chief gunner's Okla., seaman apprentice.

Fourteen youths were in an open boat practicing rowing under the command of Walters. They had rowed some distance in Lake Michigan and were returning to the training station, when a heavy wave dashed the boat against the break-

The boat did not overturn, but five tons. Seven members of the crew are of the occupants, including Walters and

> TURKISH ARMY GOT AWAY. Main Body of Troops Left Erzerum Be-

fore It Fell.

Berlin, via London, Feb. 26-The morn-Morning Post from Petrograd says: ing newspapers yesterday printed a Hav-"From the latest information it seems certain that Kamil Pasha, former Turkish grand vizier, got his main body of troops from Erzerum and moved westwith Count von Bernstorff, the German negotiate direct with Berlin. Nothing is known here regarding the up in the early days of the pursuit were came back to town, reported disfavor of Count von Bernsonly the rear guard. Apparently the torff, but it is considered extremely Russians have now disposed of this rear probable as was intimated in a dispatch

DIED IN RANDOLPH.

main body of the Turks.

Mrs. Marcella Wardwell Was a Native of Winooski.

The putting of the submarine question Marcella Wardwell, who died at Ranin Count von Bernstorff's hands after dolph Thursday, was brought here to-Paris, Feb. 26.—The Germans are con- the Arabic incident served its purpose, day, and the burial will take place in

The German losses during the first of opinion with regard to a solution of this village. She died at the home of her whole family. four days of the battle around Verdun the controversy, and that with the prog-daughter, Mrs. W. R. Chambers, in Ran-Charles S. and compares in violence and losses to der present conditions, with communica- bers gave up the hotel business there on by settling with his neighbor for the is to be held in Worcester Sunday afterthe battle of Yser. The French assume tion between the foreign office and the and moved to Randolph, where he en- hay. the battle may continue a fortnight. It United States so limited and so diffi- gaged in the ice business. Mrs. Ward-

IF PARIS FALLS

Invasion.

ner of Guildhall, Vt., was killed by an military building at Wimbledon. Russky Invalid, the official organ of the bis body was found a small grip contain. all must unite in one bond to make the He was identified by a Boston V. M. C. of Oakland, Cal., and George of Boston. Thursday and Friday, Murch 2 and 2, best seminary under the late Rev. Charles O. Bussian army, publishes to day an acting two full quart bottles of alcohol. War result is victory. Day, formerly paster of the church here.

ALLOWED MINORS IN POOL ROOM. Bellows Falls Men Called to Account for Law Infraction

Bellows Falls, Feb. 26.-The law against allowing minors in pool rooms was enforced yesterday when two Turkish proprietors of pool rooms in the bus-iness section of the village appeared before Judge T. E. O'Brien in municipal Cabinet Unanimously and of that law.

George Brown, whose pool room is on Westminster street, pleaded guilty to having four minors in his place of business, and was fined \$80 and costs of \$1.25. Cousoulos Poulitikas, whose place is in the Gray block in the square, plead-ed guilty to two offenses and was fined TO BLOW UP VESSELS \$20 on each and costs of \$12.11, a total of

> There have been many complaints in regard to minors in pool rooms in this town and Thursday night Chief of Police Kinnon visited the four pool rooms here They found four boys in Brown's place and two in that owned by Poulitikas, who bought his pool room about two weeks ago. In court yesterday afternoon he pleaded ignorance of the law.

A lifting machine was ordered destroyed by Judge O'Brien. The machine was seized in a fruit store on Rocking-Chamber of Deputies Friday that ham street. A tag on the machine instrements had been made to damage sevn of the Teutonic ships requisitioned that if they lifted 400 pounds they would

DOZEN INDICTMENTS.

Burlington.

the grand jury of the United States court for the district of Vermont com-Niece of Miss Mary Ritter Shea Tries to pleted their work early yesterday after-noon and returned 12 indictments to court, one of which is the case of Wil- Although Leslie Farrington May Be Mi Littleton, N. H., Feb. 26.-Hearing be- liam Deguise, who was arrested by Unit-Thursday, charged with rifling the post box of Grand Secretary H. H. Ross of the Musonic lodge of Vermont, which was lois contesting its allowance. The bulk of Wednesday, he being charged with the shotgun. the property was willed to Rev. Dr. Wil- embezzlement of about \$320 from the ment yesterday.

day was taken up with the case of Hattie and her mother, Mrs. Whiet, larger share of the estate, being the only E. Moses against James K. Howe, which | Farrington and his wife had been havheir-at-law. She has retained Clark C. was begun Wednesday. The plaintiff ing some domestic disturbance for som Fitts of Brattleboro, Vt.; Albert Garceau rested in the morning and witnesses for time, it is said, which culminated when "In the region to the north of Verdun of Boston and George W. Pike of Lisbon the defendant were heard during the re- he called on his wife, who was tending mainder of the day. Court was adjourned the lunch counter, and after some words clock Monday aftermoon

LEIGHTON'S RECORD WAS NOT GOOD

Men Concerned in Death of A. C. Gibson at Sharon Were Frequently in Trouble at Haverhill, Mass.

Haverhill, Mass., Feb. 26 .- Charles S. Sharon, Vt., for killing Albert C. Gibson, Spear were called later. is well known here. The whole family including even the mother, had frequent ly conflicts with the police. The father and at least, one of the sons, have been mate, and Bradford Bixby, Muskogee, of the boys served time in the Lyman school

Newell, the younger boy, was brought into court here at the age of ten as a delinquent in 1907, and was placed on probation. The following year he was convicted of assault on a smaller boy and was fined \$10. In 1909 he was con victed of arson and was sent to the Ly man school. He was let out on parole. but in November was rearrested upon a new charge of delinquency and was returned to the school.

In 1914, after he had been absent from Haverhill for a year, the police took him in on a charge of breaking and entering. The family lived in the Corliss bill dis-London, Feb. 26 .- A. dispatch to the trict, and had the whole neighborhood terrorized. At one time, in 1914, Deputy Sheriff Porter C. Croy went down to the Leighton home to replevin a horse. The whole Leighton family jumped on him, and Miss Hinkley, also of Montpelier and even the mother is said to have seminary. ward at an early period in the Russian taken a hand in the fight. One of the assault on the Deve-Boyun heights, and boys jumped on the borse and rode it and certainly showed hard work on the State Industrial Accident Board Considthat the Turkish forces which were cut away, and the sheriff, badly beaten up, part of both teachers and pupils.

A warrant was sworn out for C. S. Leighton, the father, and Capt Harry C guard and come to close grips with the Hill went down to serve it that night. Mrs. Alexander Brebner, Aged 47, Died in the other a Montreal, P. Q., profesional He, too, was assaulted and driven off. This time warrants for the father and

the two sons were taken, and a posse went down to Corliss bill at 4 a. m. and brought back the whole Leighton fami- home in Worcester, Mass., aged 47 years Robert W. Simonds of St. Johnsbury be issued for investment purposes. ly. No punishments were inflicted how- and nine months. She was well known presided at the hearing and the other ever, because the Leightons said they in Barre, where she lived for 10 years Winooski, Feb. 26.—The body of Mrs. were about to leave the state.

Walter Leighton, the older son, is now court as a delinquent in 1907, but was years ago; not punished. He did not figure in diffi- Mrs. Bre

Several years ago when her daughter dispute was very much like that which of Scotland. She was a member of the ago. It was alleged that a charge of \$18

well is survived by two daughters, Mrs. BOUGHT RAZOR; SLASHED THROAT. Charles Alpin Didn't Even Wait to Leave James Lee Wells Leaves Widow, a For-Biddeford Store.

Biddeford, Me., Feb. 26, Charles Alpin

SWINGS BACK

Congress Overwhelmingly for Wilson Policy

NO PRESENT ACTION

Executive in Negotiations

Washington, D. C., Feb. 26 .- The ques tion of congressional action warning Americans off armed merchant ships continued in abeyance to-day pending further developments in the submarine conby the government and that an explosive ed 500 pounds two five-cent cigars was abridgement of the rights of Americans on the high seas, an overwhelming maparently is determined that no action be taken for the present that might em-Burlington, Feb. 26.—The members of barrass the executive branch of the gov-

> LIKELY TO RECOVER nus Part of His Face,

Woodsville, N. H., Feb. 26.-Leslie Farrington's attempt to commit suicide by shooting himself in the head is not likely the late Chief Justice George Shea of cated in the Masonic temple building. It to prove fatal, it is thought. The act is understood that 14 cases were laid be- was committed Thursday night in the Mrs. Elizabeth (Glidden) McGreevy of fore the grand jury from which they re- vicinity of a building on Central street Baltimore, a niece, who was given only turned 12 indictments. An indictment known as the "Brick store." Farrington Paris, Feb. 26.-The official statement \$1,000 of the \$80,000 estate by the will, against Charles W. Porter was returned blew off the right side of his face with a

Farrington and wife was one of three "In Champagne this morning we at- liam M. Jefferis of Bethlehem, N. H., postoffice, of which he was postmaster families occupying the second floor of being watched with intense interest in tacked and captured an enemy salient and Philadelphia, a noted Episcopal mistacked and captured an enemy salient and Philadelphia, a noted Episcopal mistacked and captured an enemy salient and Philadelphia, a noted Episcopal mistacked and captured an enemy salient and Philadelphia, a noted Episcopal mistacked and captured an enemy salient and Philadelphia, a noted Episcopal mistacked and captured an enemy salient and Philadelphia, a noted Episcopal mistacked and captured an enemy salient and Philadelphia, a noted Episcopal mistacked and captured an enemy salient and Philadelphia, a noted Episcopal mistacked and captured an enemy salient and Philadelphia, a noted Episcopal mistacked and captured and captured and enemy salient and Philadelphia, a noted Episcopal mistacked and captured and lishment, while in the basement is a res-Most of the time of the court yester- taurant conducted by Mrs. Farrington

the wall.

Fearing for her life, Mrs. Farrington fled upstairs, and her flight was soon followed by a report of the gun.

A moment later Farrington came rush

EAST MONTPELIER.

ried Out.

In spite of the bad weather there was contestants were divided into two diother set who had previously contested. In the first set the prizes were awardwho certainly did excellent work.

The judges were Dr. Hatch, principal years, A. D. Farwell. of Montpelier seminary, Miss Allingham

All the speaking was of a high order

FORMER BARRE WOMAN.

Worcester, Mass.

before moving to Worcester. While in Barre she and her husband lived in North Mrs. Brebner was born in Scotland.

a daughter, Elizabeth L., a son, James; Charles S. Leighton, the father, was a brother, George Smollet of Michigan, soon at 2:30.

> FORMER BURLINGTON MAN. mer Northfield Girl.

Burlington, Feb. 26 .- News was reof 60 Bonair street, Somerville, Mass., ceived in the city yesterday of the death sentatives of the liability company in-attempted suicide by cutting his throat of James Lee Wells in Chicago on Wed. terested in the case contended that the in the Scales hardware store late yester nesday of grip and pneumonia. Mr. London, Feb. 26.—The importance to day afternoon. He entered the store Wells was graduated from Eurlington operation in which case it was known England of the battle raging around and asked to be shown some rapors. Se-high school in 1994. He was associated Verdun was emphasized by Major-Gen- lecting one that cost a dollar, he paid of late years with his uncle, S. E. Bliss, bility insurance. As in the first case, deeral Sir Francis Lloyd, general officer, for it, remarking that it would sait his in the steel business in Chicago, where ommanding the London district, in a purpose, threw back his head and slashed his future seemed especially promising. Portland, Me., Feb. 26.—George Gard- speech yesterday at the opening of the his throat, making a gash six inches long. Mr. Wells leaves his wife, who was Miss He was rushed to the Webber hospital, Laura Cutting of Northfield also a grad-"In the great war which is now pro- and it is believed that he will recover, mate of Burlington high school, '04, and on Russian Front.

division of the Maine Central railroad at ceeding," said General Lloyd, "every in-Bridgeton Junction Thursday night. Near dividual must give up self absolutely and why he did it, he murmured "on a drunk," Wells of Jericho, and two brothers, Fred

RED MEN'S BADGES OF HONOR GIVEN

At Annual Banquet and Celebration By Iroquois Tribe Last Night, 200 Persons Being Present.

Red Men of Iroquois tribe with ladies and Montpelier Red Men as their guests celebrated the anniversary of George Washington's birth with a banquet, speechmaking, singing and dancing in Clan Gordon hall last evening. There were 200 people present for the 12th an-anniversary jollification of the Red Men BY THE LATTER and the get-together was described as the most enjoyable in a number of years. There was a surfeit of supplies for the roast chicken supper served at 8 o'clock, and if there was not an overplus of good W. S. Severance and Officer Angus Mac- That Will Embarrass the fellowship, there certainly was an abund- Public Service Commission ance of that, well known essential, Peter Brown presided at the after-

dinner program. Bruce's orchestra, which had played a number of overtures during the dinner hour, contributed several selections to the post-prandial program. Solos were rendered by Mrs. Isabella Cantlay Hall, Henry Clark, Miss Agnes Keith and George McLeod. toast to the ladies was offered by John W &r and W. A. Dutton and Clerk McDonald, jr. Upon Ira Wright devolved the honor of offering the toast to Washington. George E. Rock of East Barre was found on the steamship Buelow of the reward, if 600 pounds they received the North German Lloyd company.

The premier added that he considered

The premier added that he considered The pounds they received a box of five-cent in his position that there should be no the Red Men. Dr. E. C. Barrett of Montpermission to the Red Men. Dr. E. C. Barrett of Montpermission to the Red Men. Dr. E. C. Barrett of Montpermission to the Red Men. Dr. E. C. Barrett of Montpermission to the Red Men. Dr. E. C. Barrett of Montpermission to the Red Men. Dr. E. C. Barrett of Red Men. Dr. E. C. Barrett of Montpermission to the Red Men. Dr. E. C. Barrett of Montpermission to the Red Men. Dr. E. C. Barrett of Red Men. Dr. E. C. Barrett of Montpermission to the Red Men. Dr. E. C. Barrett of Montpermission to the Red Men. Dr. E. C. Barrett of Red Men. Dr. E. C. Barrett of Montpermission to the Red Men. Dr. E. C. Barrett of Montpermission to the Red Men. Dr. E. C. Barrett of Montpermission to the Red Men. Dr. E. C. Barrett of Montpermission to the Red Men. Dr. E. C. Barrett of Montpermission to the Red Men. Dr. E. C. Barrett of Montpermission to the Red Men. Dr. E. C. Barrett of Montpermission to the Red Men. Dr. E. C. Barrett of Montpermission to the Red Men. Dr. E. C. Barrett of Red Men. Dr. E. C. Barrett of Red Men. Dr. E. C. Barrett of Montpermission to the Red Men. Dr. E. C. Barrett of Red Men. Dr. E. C. Barrett of Montpermission to the Red Men. Dr. E. C. Barrett of Montpermission to the Red Men. Dr. E. C. Barrett of Montpermission to the Red Men. Dr. E. C. Barrett of Red Men. Dr. E. C. Ba great chief of records, gave an interestpelier spoke interestingly on the good of the order and Alex. Ross, great sachem of Vermont, chose for his topic, jority in both the House and Senate ap- Red Men in Vermont," giving a detailed taining land and water rights in the account of the achievements of the order since it was introduced in the Green Mountain state.

One of the pleasing features came when Mr. Rock presented the honor badge to after the hearing opened, the amend-James Taylor for devotion to the interests of the Red Men. James Rothnie received a past sachem's jewel. Dancing was in order after the program and until an early hour this morning the Red Men and their guests gave themselves over wholly to the enjoyments of the terpsichorean pastime.

consisted of the following members: Alex. Ross, the great sachem; Peter Brown, past sachem; Ira Wright, chief of records; James Rothnie, keeper of wampum; Joseph Collings, senior sagamore; James Taylor, guard of the forest; James McDonald, junior sagamore; William Pirie, decorator; Alex. Miller, assistant decorator; John McDonald, warrior; Guy Oltolini, sanap; W. W. Russell, past great sachem; Joseph Fraser, brave; George Rand, sachem,

BOUTWELL AGAIN NAMED.

Montpelier Voters in Caucus Gave Him Unanimous Support.

ing upstairs without the gun and holding which set an example for unanimity and no debts incurred and no business done. a towel to his face, the side of which he brevity. The meeting was called to order He had been advised that it is necesad blown off.

A doctor was hastily summoned, as later Chairman William A. Lord put the service commission to issue capital stock were Deputy Sheriffs Davis and Rine- motion for adjournment. As freely pre- and for that reason was making the petihart, who soon arrived with Dr. R. G. dieted, there failed to be a contest for tion. Perry of Wells River, and the wounded any of the numerous offices to be filled Sherman Moulton of Burlington, repeighton, who, with his two sons, New- man was taken to the Woodsville Cot- by the voters at the election March 7, resenting the state, asked the witness ell and Walter, has been arrested in tage hospital. Doctors Dearborn and and all are assured of election next what was to be done with the \$20,000 month.

Prize Speaking Contest Was Well Car- secretary. Following the reading of the for water power, the company being oras a candidate for mayor to succeeded would be to issue more stock, the wita large attendance at the regular annual himself, and F. W. Mitchell, who last ness testified in answer to a query by prize speaking contest held at East year opposed Mayor Boutwell, but was Attorney Moulton. Montpelier on Friday night, Feb. 25. The defeated, seconded the nomination, which brought out the only applause of the er that it had been the practice to ascervisions, one set who had never spoken in meeting. Mr. Boutwell was quickly nom- tain what the money obtained from the prize speaking contest before and an- inated and other nominations were made

in the following order: City clerk and treasurer, T. R. Merrill; ed as follows: First prize to boys to city sheriff, L. H. Pollard; first and sec-property the purchase of which the com-Paul Townsend, second prize to boys to ond constable, Robert Johnson, and G. George Sibley, first prize for girls to D. Pitkin; lister, for three years, Frank ing the issue of a smaller amount might Mary Gladding, second prize for girls to D. Grout; three auditors, M. E. Smille, Mildred Thurston. In the second division L. H. Bixby, F. R. Pitkin, city grand first prize to Frank Clark, second prize juror, A. C. Theriault; Green Mount cemto Hogh Laird. The judges made hon-orable mention of Miss Marjorie Morse, ceed Jesse S. Viles, deceased, Robert F. Bliss; park commissioner for term of five

HEARING ON ACCIDENT CASE.

ered Two Cases in Barre. Allegations that excessive charges for

by doctors, one a Barre physician and obtained for money expended. man, were responsible for a hearing be. allowing the company to issue \$5,000 Mrs. Annie S. (Smollet) Brebner, wife fore the state industrial accident board worth of stock, the money to be used for of Alexander Brebner, died Feb. 24 at her in Barre Friday afternoon. Chairman organization, etc., and \$5,000 additional member of the board present was Fred the hearing the Teneny company was Burbank of St. Johnsbury, clerk of the cials present: President A. B. Tenney, just 21 years old. He was brought into Barre. They went away about eight board, also attended the hearing. Al- Manager H. D. Sands, Manager H. D. though the Montreal eye specialist named Larrabee, Attorneys W. B. Stickney, in one of the allegations was notified of Fred E. Gleason, R. H. Dana, Engineer the hearing, he was not represented. The Sargent, William Corry, C. E. Cookson Barre doctor who figured in one of the and C. F. Millar. petitions was present.

The first case was that of Casemere Campo, a granite worker, who suffered was made by a local physician for twelve office calls, the total bill for medical and surgical services approximating 890. Evi-

board reserved decision In the second case Arthur Emond, also a granite worker, was struck in the eye by a fragment of flying steel. He went to Montreal and had the steel removed, according to the allegation, and the pract the only relatives surviving are a nephtitioner fixed his fee at \$100. Repre. ew, Collis Lafferty, and a granddaugh sentatives of the liability company in-terested in the case contended that the probably will be held Sunday afternoon practitioner asked only \$10 for a similar that the injured person carried no lincision was reserved and the hoard adjourned the hearing.

PLAINFIELD.

ASKS SPECIFIC INFORMATION

of the Pocahontas council and East Barre Before Authorizing Central Vermont Power Co. to Issue \$20,000 Stock

> OFFERED TO GRANT RIGHT FOR \$5,000

> Hearing Testimony Petition

The rmont public service commis-S.h Chairman R. C. Bacon, W. R. Clawson present, held a hearing in supreme court chamber at the State ouse in Montpelier this morning on the issue stock not to exceed \$20,000, for cash, to be used for the purpose of obcounties of Orange, Caledonia and Orleans. The latter part of the petition was an amendment added by Mr. Harvey ment being allowed by the commission. Mr. Harvey, as a director of the Cen-

tral Vermont Power company, testified and recited a history of the company since it filed articles of association with the secretary of state April 1, 1915. The commission commented on the oversight The committee in charge of the affair of the company in falling to file with the commission a copy of the articles of association but agreed to leave the matter with the petitioner to attend to at the earliest possible time.

The corporation was formed with E. H. Deavitt, T. H. Cave, jr., and F. T. Parsons as directors with the first named as president. Resolutions were passed look ing to the purchase of the Cooley prop erty in Washington county on the Wi-nooski river and the issue of stock was contemplated. This resolution was rescinded at a subsequent meeting and since that time the Cooley property has been acquired by the Tenney company.

In January, 1916, the annual meeting of the company was held and the control passed into the hands of the Harvey family. The directors elected were E. Mayor James M. Boutwell was unani- M. Harvey, his wife, Mrs. Clara Harvey, mously nominated to succeed himself for and his father, Roney M. Harvey. The the year next ensuing at the Montpelier witness testified that he was elected citizens' caucus held last evening in the president and treasurer and further statauditorium of the city hall, a caucus ed that no capital stock has been issued,

obtained from the sale of stock and Mr. Joseph G. Brown called the voters to- Harvey replied that it was the purpose gether and William A. Lord was quickly of the company to see, in a humble way elected as chairman and T. R. Merrill if it could encourage development of land call, Benjamin Gates placed the name of ganized to deal in the sale of electric James M. Boutwell before the caucus power. The necessary working out

> The commission informed the petitionsale of stock was to be used for and the chairman suggested that if Mr. Harvey was not prepared to state any specific be issued at this time, enough to qualify

> the directors. The commission and Mr Harvey then engaged in considerable discussion over the point of whether a company would have to name specific things which were contemplated in order to obtain a certificate.

The commission suggested that the authorization of the issuance of \$5,000 be made, the money to be used for preliminary surveys, investigations, etc., pointing out that the commission cannot authorize the issuance of stock unless it medical and surgical services were fixed has knowledge that a fair value will be

Mr. Harvey then asked for a certificate

Although not taking any active part in Pease of Burlington. Miss Laura M. well represented with the following offi-

DEATH OF AN OLD MAN

Years of Age.

James Lafferty, one of Montpelier's oldest residents, died at his home, 229 dence in the case was heard and the Main street in that city, this morning after a short illness. He was born in Canada 87 years ago but removed to Montpelier more than 60 years ago. Since then he had resided there. His son, James P. Lafferty, died last winter, and at St. Augustine's church.

Brattleboro Church Extends Call.

Brattleboro, Feb. 26.-The Center Congregational church last night voted to extend a call to Rev. Richard H. Clapp of Farmington, Me., to success Rev. Roy M. Houghton, who recently resigned to become pastor of the Church of the Re-Teachers' examinations will be held in deemer in New Haven, Conn. Mr. Clapp. the high school room at Plainfield on is a graduate of Andover Theological